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EDITORIAL

The End of Hostilities

It is, I suppose, too much to hope for even a partial fulfilment of my prediction that the war would end this spring or summer. Since confession is said to be good for the soul, but by no means in order to excuse myself, I may say that, in erecting the summer ingress for this year some time before our own ephemeris was available, I used German tables calculated for midnight and fell into error in inserting the Moon. My belief as to the end of the war was partly founded on this wrong position, and this was all the worse, inasmuch as Luna is part-ruler of the 7th, and so, being badly afflicted, counteracts Mercury, the other part-ruler, in conjunction with Venus in the 7th.

Thus mixed results may be expected, not only for us, but also for our antagonists, since the above applies also to them.

We must see what these three momentous months—May, June, and July—may bring forth. Since Hitler is under Sun par. Jupiter, it seems useless to expect him to meet serious difficulties until the autumn. The reverse may be the case.

After July the tide of war may change, and, as a matter of fact, the general tone of the mundane maps becomes noticeably less warlike. Thus the winter ingress, whilst showing widespread want and depression (♂ ☹ ☐ ♀ 8), has ♃ in the 7th ♁ ♀ ☹, which has a friendly air.

There are, indeed, a number of directions unfavourable to the enemy about February 1942. On the other hand, it might be argued that the obvious time to look for Hitler's defeat would be at the end of 1942, when his Saturn square Mars radical is exact; and this view is supported by Venus trine ascendant radical in our 1801 map. The main difficulty is to distinguish between the end of fighting and the conclusion of peace. These events may be many months apart, but obviously it is the former with which most of us are chiefly concerned.

If we knew when Mr. Churchill's Sun trine Mars radical falls, then we should have an almost sure index; but we do not. Marshal Pétain has Sun trine Jupiter radical early in 1942. Surely France will not remain enslaved under Sun trine Jupiter in the map of the venerable soldier! But all personal maps are untrustworthy, in so far as individuals may die, especially when they are octogenarian.

There is much to be said for relying on a careful study of selected private maps, rather than more or less speculative charts of public personalities and countries. I should be interested in any data of this kind from readers. It is upon such a basis that I founded the forecast in my Harrogate paper that conditions would be returning to normal (allowing of course for the natural aftermath of war) by the autumn of 1942.

Without more reliable data than we have, I regard it as sheer guess-work to seek to declare how Europe will stand when the war is over. It appears sound astrology to claim that Great Britain will not be defeated, seeing that the Sun is coming to such brilliant aspects in our 1801 map, but whether Germany will be broken in the field or driven by economic factors to surrender, or whether she will reform herself from within and then obtain a "moderate" peace, I for one cannot pretend to tell. I only know that astrologers have written books that purported to see into the future in detail, and that in the upshot such things have done astrology no good.

Retrospect

February saw the German occupation of Bulgaria, which was in full swing before our last issue could be got into our readers' hands.

Our forecast that the U.S.A. would act at this period with great firmness was well fulfilled by the attitude of America to Japan, the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill, and the President's "We have gone into action" speech. The passage of the bill coincided with Jupiter square Saturn (T)¹ in Hitler's map, whilst Pluto was in sextile to Jupiter in our 1801 figure, for which, as a result of a careful watch during recent events, I have conceived more respect than heretofore. M.C. trine Jupiter and sextile Uranus may be correlated respectively with the aerial victories of last autumn and the destruction of the Italian empire during the winter. But, so far as this map goes, "the best is yet to be."

Japan's attitude became less truculent after the strong

¹ I use T as an abbreviation for "by transit."

reactions of Great Britain and the United States at the close of the month.

The winter ingress figure seemed to do less harm to us than I had expected. Perhaps it was a case of Neptune causing more anxiety than actual injury; the Press certainly provided us with a plenitude of Neptunian rumours, and a "black-out winter" is not a cheering experience, though one would look to Pluto rather than his brother for the indication of this.

March gave us back Kassala, the only town of importance except Berbera that the enemy had taken from us. At the time Mars (T) afflicted the maps of both dictators. A desperate Italian offensive in Albania failed disastrously.

On page 117 of the last Volume I gave a suggested date for the horoscope of Greece, but we now know that the Greeks themselves celebrate March 25, 1921, as their day of independence, and probably, in matters of this kind, the national instinct is trustworthy.

The positions on this day, Greenwich noon, are as under:

☉	☽	♂	♀	♂
4½ ♍	18½ ♎	5 ♍ ♄	19 ♋	18½ ♋
♃	♌	♄	♊	♊
6 ♍	15 ♍	3 ♋	12 ♋	27 ♋ (?)

These are sufficiently striking and more in keeping with the checkered career of the country than those I gave previously. It is a map strongly suggestive of the love of freedom.

Great indeed is the debt we owe the Greeks, who took their stand for liberty before the Wavell victories had raised a new hope. One is reminded of what Herodotus wrote about the heroes of Thermopylae: "They made it clear to all, and not least to the Great King, that men are many, but heroes few."

The recent eclipse fell on the Aries group. This led to military disaster, but did nothing to tarnish their glory.

Incidentally (if the above map is correct) it is clear that an eclipse on a benefic (in this case on ♃) is bad. This point has often been discussed.

The great German offensive in the Atlantic, so clearly foreshadowed in the winter ingress figure, began early in March. However, the aspects in this horoscope, in so far as they are in the zodiac, are not exclusively applicable to us, and it is both interesting and gratifying that the enemy have also had heavy shipping losses since then, notably the *Bremen*, which was set on fire by an incendiary attack.

The mundane maps continue for some time to show Neptune

afflictions, and the opposition of Mars in Pisces to Neptune in the summer ingress chart is not agreeable to look upon. Astrology does not, however, suggest that the sea-menace is any worse than most people already realise. It will probably reach its climax as Mars passes through Pisces, and thereafter subside.

The eclipse of the 27th coincided with the fall of Keren and Harar, the repudiation by King Peter of the pact of adherence signed by his ministers, and the battle of Cape Matapan, a period of singular success for the Allies.

King Peter II was born at Belgrade, at 2.30 a.m., C.E.T., on September 6, 1923. He took this decision as his progressed Moon reached Uranus in the 8th house, Mars being also in opposition to Uranus, whilst his M.C. is coming to the square of Neptune. These directions were far from reassuring. I doubt if there is any single contact worse than one between the Moon and Uranus, whether by direction, transit, or currently, for the inception of anything. Italy's declaration of war last June is a case in point.

April soon brought the anxious and glorious days predicted, but that the month as a whole was unfavourable to Hitler, as we had forecast, few would agree, I fear. For the Yugoslav defence disintegrated in a few days, our position in Libya was seriously compromised, and Greece was overrun. Just how far these successes by the Germans were substantial, and how far illusory, time must show.

Against this we could place further successes in Italian East Africa and Abyssinia, where Massawa and Addis Ababa fell, and a definite extension of American help. The opening of the Red Sea should be important, and the announcement that the U.S.A. Neutrality Patrol would be greatly expanded did much to justify the prediction, made at Harrogate and widely published, that the Axis would meet a defeat about the 26th of the month.

Since, however, the phrases used were such as to lead to the expectation of a military success, I was glad to hear of the fall of Dessie, after the hardest battle of the Abyssinian war, on the very day mentioned. Although it was not in every case stated in the Press, the paper suggested that the defeat would befall the Italians.

This demonstrates what can be done by any competent astrologer, *provided he has a trustworthy horoscope on which to work*. In this case I used the Italian map for July 2, 1871, at Rome, at 12.30 p.m. C.E.T., in which progressed Moon was square Neptune, after passing conjunction progressed Jupiter

(help to Italy from the Germans). In this figure Mars rising in $\simeq 7$, heavily afflicted, satisfactorily explains the Italian reverses during the winter and spring, as the planet takes both the October and March eclipses.

As regards the German successes of April, both the two rival Third Reich maps show favourable influences at that time, as does also the figure for December 10, 1870, used by some students. My own remarks on this month were based on Hitler's horoscope, because the German maps are numerous and of hypothetical value. But the horoscope of an individual can never be the map of a nation, however close the identification may be.

Prospect

The worst feature of *May*, from our point of view, is the opposition of progressive Moon to Pluto (1801 map). It is not possible for me to determine the precise position of Pluto in the 1801 map, and perhaps the evacuation from Greece and the Irak fighting will be the principal result of this unfortunate contact; perhaps more is to come. Readers will know by the time this is in print. Is it the Battle for Oil?

For the rest, the tremendous Taurus formations seem to point clearly to the Near East, much of which comes under this sign. Some believe that Germany herself is under Taurus: if so, such an assembly of bodies in the ruling sign of a country should produce considerable disturbances, though not necessarily immediately.

On the 8th there is a conjunction of Jupiter and Uranus, which falls on the nadir at London, whilst at Madrid the Sun and Saturn occupy that position—an unfortunate one for Spain, and made worse by the fact that, at the full moon of the 11th, Pluto is at the same mundane point. At Berlin, Pluto is setting, which seems unpromising for the Germans.

The fact that $\♂$ in \simeq meets such severe afflictions must disturb Russia, and important changes in that country have already been made public.

In our last issue I dealt with the sanguinary figure for the lunation of the 26th, which seems to indicate worse things for Germany than for us, and the possibility of mutinies and civil unrest. How far these will go, one cannot say; one must not be too hopeful.

The possibility of Hitler's death this year has been freely discussed. I regard this as within the range of possibility, but one cannot say more. A man who lives a dangerous life does of course lay himself open to violence, and might therefore

succumb to directions that would not in normal circumstances be regarded as very dangerous. The only indication of a violent end that I can see in Hitler's map is ascendant par. Pluto in 8th, against which we must place the protective influence of Jupiter.

I shall watch with much interest the passage of Saturn over $8\ 19\frac{1}{2}$, for this point is the ascendant of Japan, and it is also opposition the King of Italy's Sun. For that matter it is also the ascendant (at least approximately) of the Third Reich horoscope published in Vol. XI, at page 165, but in that figure it is so strongly aspected that the above transit would not be likely to produce severe results. In any case, the possible maps of Germany are so numerous that one is apt to weary of trying to make a choice amongst them.

Mussolini's ascendant is also often taken as $19\frac{3}{4}$ Scorpio, and, on the other hand, Mr. Eden has the Moon near the same point.

Although the satellitium of planets in Taurus is very remarkable, similar conditions have occurred before. For instance, in May 1857, at the time of the Indian mutiny; and in 1881, when there was a full moon on May 13 with Sun, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune and Pluto in Taurus: in this year two rulers (Alexander II and President Garfield) were assassinated, but not in the month in question. This confirms the tradition that satellitia indicate the death of eminent people.

May imposes such a smoke-screen of mystery, full of so many possibilities, over the landscape that it is difficult to speak very confidently about *June*, which seems, nevertheless, to offer better prospects of good fortune than the preceding month. For one thing, our monarch has Moon trine radical Saturn, and that ought at least to enable us to establish ourselves defensively with some success.

The station of Neptune on the 5th shows Saturn and Uranus setting at London, and Mars not far from the nadir. The value of such a figure is, perhaps, rather problematical, but it hardly seems helpful to the Battle of the Atlantic.

At Paris Uranus is almost exactly setting, and the French Republic (if it is still alive) now gets Mars trine radical Moon. This cat might, from our standpoint, jump either way.

In our 1801 map we have Sun sextile Jupiter secondary and Mars conjunct Uranus 0-d, from Mars sextile Jupiter. These suggest mixed fortunes. One cannot trifle with Mars conjunction Uranus in any circumstances, but radically Uranus has the very close sextile of Jupiter.

The summer ingress, with one part-ruler of the 7th badly afflicted and the other conjunct Venus in the 7th, also suggests mixed results; and Mars opposite Neptune, 3rd to 9th, is not good for shipping. This of course applies to the world in general, but it is most vital to us.

It seems as if we might have fresh or strengthened friendships and new foes.

Pars is opposite Uranus at Berlin, but at London it is in the 11th, $\Delta \text{♂} \text{♀}$, showing much help from friends. This doubtless means the United States. Indeed, at Washington Pluto culminates, which is, from our standpoint, a promising feature.

At Moscow it is in trine to the ascendant, which probably shows a rather bolder stand by Russia. This country has, indeed, acted more strongly recently, as I expected, rebuking Bulgaria and encouraging Jugoslavia, though doing nothing to assist either. Her actions are susceptible of more than one interpretation; but probably Stalin feels too insecure personally to wish to risk a war, especially after the Finnish campaign.

The lunation has the same mundane positions as the ingress, and the only important difference is that of Pars.

Japan, which I expected to be involved in the war before now, has so far held back. In this month her ruler, ♀ , comes to $\text{♂} \text{♂} \text{r.}$ in her natal figure, and the danger of war may become acute again. If she finds herself at war, she will probably experience an early naval disaster ($\odot \angle \Psi, \text{♄} \text{♂} \Psi$).

Both the Italian king and the Duce come under severe o-d afflictions this month ($\odot \angle \text{♄}$ and $\text{♄} \text{♂} \text{♀}$ respectively), and in the Italian map quoted on page 34 progressed ♄ is now $\text{♂} \text{♄}$ in the 10th, so that some violent change in the Government is to be expected. We may hope that this will be favourable to us. It could not be worse.

The ♄ , part-ruler of the 7th, in the ingress map is so afflicted, both here and in Germany, that it looks as if both countries might have some trouble with their allies, even though $\text{♀} \text{♂} \text{♀}$ in the 7th introduces an opposite tendency.

The month of *July* presents us with a problem of some interest.

Readers will be aware that some astrologers do not use mundane maps (i.e. maps for lunations, ingresses, and so on), or use them very little, preferring the horoscopes of leading personalities. Others take the opposite view, pointing out, for example, that maps for celestial phenomena are at least certain in regard to time and place, whereas the birth-maps both of statesmen and of nations are commonly far from trustworthy.

Now here we have a direct conflict. For the map for the

lunation of July 24th is, in itself, evil for us, the M.C. being besieged by Saturn and Uranus, whilst the ruler of the 10th is in quadrature to both, and Mars is in semisquare. On the other hand, at Berlin Jupiter occupies the midheaven, supported by Mars.

But the place of the lunation is in close trine to our King's Mars, and is on Jupiter in our 1801 figure.

There seems a direct contradiction which only time can explain. I may say, however, that if it were not for the fact that the lunation falls so favourably in the two above maps, I should view the outlook with much misgiving, and, even as it is, I fear the Government will encounter serious danger. May I prove wrong!

August seems a rather undistinguished month, though further scrutiny may bring out points of interest. It may represent a period of comparative quiet, for the pinnacle of the conflict may have passed. There is at least some prospect that by now, or very soon after, Germany will definitely feel certain shortages of essential materials.

Uranus is now approaching Hitler's Neptune in the 8th, and Saturn transits the opposition of Goering's ascendant. Jupiter in the 4th at London at the lunation seems to favour that city and should protect us from heavy air-raids. The lunation, being square both Saturn and Uranus, seems to promise little joy to anybody, especially as it falls on the martial star Regulus.

The Harrogate Convention

Once again Mr. H. H. Burnell has organised this annual function, and by all accounts it was greatly enjoyed by all who were able to attend. Many familiar faces were perforce absent, and several papers had to be read by deputies; but the gatherings seem to have been thorough successes.

Competition

Probably because of the war there have not been many entries for the puzzle-map on page 7 of our last issue, and none has been correct. It was, in point of fact, a very difficult case. The native, a professional soldier, is described as a quiet, calm man, not in the least eccentric, but he cannot bear to touch matches or candles, and will use something else wherewith to push them away. There is no apparent fear of fire. He does not smoke.

Perhaps the lady who proposed this problem and sent

ros. 6d. as a prize will propound another and less out-of-the-way case for us?

At the same time readers may care to try to explain the above complex.

THE EDITOR

Written May 11, 1941

AN ASTROLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF CASES OF NEUROTIC DEPRESSION

By LORE BRUELL-NEUDA

MUTUAL afflictions of Saturn and the Moon are sometimes said to cause depressions. Such an assertion is misleading, not so much in judging the aspect, which is well known to lower the spirits, as in using the word "depression."

What is a depression?

Properly a depression is a neurotic or psychotic disease and must not be confused with simple depressive moods or sadness. We do not think that any astrologer surmises that every person, in whose map the Moon is afflicted by Saturn, is liable to actual psychic disease or will be so at some time in his or her life. But we will now try to explain when such a suggestion may seem justified.

Depression in the true sense of the word, then, is a psychical condition, meeting us mainly in the form of a neurosis. The number of depressive neuroses is legion. I have myself seen a great many such patients when I was secretary to a private psychoanalytical clinic in Vienna. The most striking symptoms of this neurosis are: sadness, dejection, grief, incoherent thinking, inferiority-feelings, discontent, apprehensiveness, purposelessness, unwillingness to work, and a general inability to deal with life and its exigencies, leading even to suicidal impulses. The symptoms may be based on an unpleasant experience (death of a relation, accident, etc.), and we are then speaking of a *reactive* depression, considering it to be a morbid reaction to the recent misfortune. They may also occur, however, without any apparent adequate cause, being then called an *endogenous* depression. Both kinds of depressions are neurotic and are susceptible to psychoanalytical treatment.

Not feeling physically ill, some patients may prefer to consult an astrologer, instead of a psychotherapist. But this ought

to be a *détour* only, the astrologer sending them at once to medical treatment, knowing that even the best and psychologically most able astrologer can only arrive at *understanding* the disease, but will never be able to *cure* it. His understanding is of greater importance for him, however, in order to give his clients good advice. On the other hand, he may have to use all his psychological abilities in such cases, where the chart shows that the nervous symptom is not caused by real illness, but by some selfish purpose, such as the so-called "flight into illness," or the desire of the native to impose on his or her family.

Case Histories and Horoscopes

The following nativities and abstracts of case histories are given as examples of maps of depressive neurotics. I am indebted for all my cases to Ernest Bien, M.D., neurologist and psychoanalyst (formerly in Vienna), who has been so kind, while strictly observing professional etiquette, as to provide me with data from his patients for my astro-psychoanalytical investigations.

Case No. 1

Female, born 6.05 a.m., June 4, 1906, Vienna.

Case 1, aged 29, was a divorcee. She never knew her father, living as a child with her maternal grandparents, her mother, who had married all too young and most unhappily, having had to divorce her husband even before her baby was born. The mother lived for her little girl only, for fourteen years—until she got married again. This upset the native very much, having now to share her mother's love and care with a man who was a stranger to her. On the other hand she had suffered in her early school-life by reason of the fact that her home-life was different from that of her friends. The new family got on fairly well for seven years, until the mother had again to divorce her husband in the course of a financial crisis. The girl had at that time a suitor, so much in love that he would not take no for an answer, waiting for months for his luck to turn—as, indeed, it did in the end. In a sort of panic before the poverty threatening her, the native thought it best to accept her faithful lover, who was very well off. However, the marriage was unhappy from the very start; and after a few months the girl preferred a job as a typist to her unhappy married life. The instability of her familiar conditions since early childhood, and the many excitements she had to go through, caused the native to be subject to a recurrent depression.

Case No. 2

Male, born 5.15 a.m., February 25, 1896, 47.23 N., 15.05 E.

Case 2 was a 36-year-old single man, who came for psycho-analytical treatment after his third nervous breakdown. He was an engineer in a very good position, owing his career to his own activities, his family circumstances during childhood having been poor; we may add that they had not been unhappy, although liable to conflicts. As mentioned above, this was his third breakdown, followed each time by a serious and inexplicable depression which threw him out of a brilliant career and normally happy life. His first attack came after having had pneumonia when he was 16 years old, the two later ones at ten year intervals and without any apparent reason, except that each coincided with an unhappy love affair. The true motive of his depression was unconscious, and we may suggest that it had to do with his family life; not going into details, however, since that would lead us too far. He had been deeply attached to his deceased father, he had a strong dislike for his mother, and he was passionately fond of his youngest sister. Every time the question of her marriage arose his jealous fear of no more being first with her made him ill. The characteristic feature of his depression was its recurrence in regular periods, such as is generally found in manic depressive psychoses.

Case No. 3

Female, born 8.5 a.m., May 18, 1878, Vienna.

Case 3, aged 55, had been a widow for four years. She had had a normal and even a happy life: married at twenty, she had two children, a boy and a girl, who had been married some years, when she became ill. Her husband was a very successful business-man, who became extremely rich. Some time before her widowhood, however, her life was that of a nurse, her husband having developed a serious illness, leading to death after some years. His ill-health seemed to take up all his interests during leisure hours, though he still attended to his business; and his wife devoted herself faithfully to his care. After his death she mourned sincerely for him and held his memory high. Pious motives took her to a health-resort he had visited every year for a severe cure. A terrible disappointment was in store for her there. Gossip of the landlady, in whose villa her husband had so often been a lodger, informed the astonished and shocked widow that her husband had been far from leading the life of a patient, being, on the contrary, notorious as a very

smart guest, whom the therapy he was observing did not prevent from rather fast enjoyment. She felt terribly upset and hurt, finding herself betrayed by the man to whom she had been so devoted. Since this day she hated his memory, her resentment being so strong that she no more visited his grave. She also wanted to be revenged on him and the life he had led her and to make up for it by enjoying herself now. There was a voice within her, however, accusing her of ingratitude for her companion of so many years; and there was another voice, reminding her of her age and its limitations. These conflicts finished in making her ill, causing a serious depression and making her hate her life, which she felt now to be a failure. One of her symptoms was insomnia, and she began to take sleeping draughts, soon getting used to drugs. After psychoanalytical treatment she gave up the narcotics and returned to a normal life.

Case No. 4

Female, born 6.20 a.m., June 23, 1907, Vienna.

Case 4, aged 26, had been suffering for twelve years when she came to treatment. She had married for love about two years ago, but this had not bettered her psychic condition. Nobody, however, would have thought this handsome and attractive lady a patient. She could do whatever she liked and was up to everything in the daily routine, while feeling all the time that she "was not there at all," but a mere looker-on at her own life from a far distance, instead of taking part actively, as she was, in fact, doing. She had a feeling of unreality, and this lack of the sense of reality, called depersonalisation, hardly ever left her. She had forebodings, anxiety states, her mood was sad and dejected, all this characterising the depression. Examining her early development, we find an explanation of her illness in her relations to her parents. Her father had suffered for many years from a serious organic illness; the girl was very fond of him. The mother, however, was jealous, claiming for herself not only her daughter's love and care, but most of her time too. The native was tortured by the reproaches lavished on her and said to herself: "I wish I might get away from my mother!" But this she could not, and would not, consciously, being afraid of hurting her parents. On the other hand, her craving for liberty was strong enough to mobilise her unconscious energies helping her to get rid of her mother, mentally if not actually. When her mother was nagging, she hardly sensed it any more thanks to her feeling of unreality. But the estrangement took hold of her whole personality and life, the depersonalisation

being a strong defence mechanism, directed against her mother, whom she loved and hated at one and the same time. However, the neurotic mechanism became an automatism, remaining after she had got married, led a new life and longed for normal reactions. This brought her to psychoanalysis, and she was cured after a few months.

Case No. 5

Male, born 8.55 p.m., September 9, 1904, Vienna.

Case 5, a scholar, was a borderline case, i.e. his depression was not a true neurose, but bordering upon a psychotic illness, called schizophrenia. The native was suffering from headache, nervousness and insomnia, but he did not feel ill, which is atypical for a depression. We are bringing his map among our cases of depression, however, because of his suicidal propensities. He made three serious attempts at suicide, which fortunately were prevented. After the third time his family brought him to psychoanalysis. His treatment was brief and helpful.

Case No. 6

Female, born 11.40 p.m., October 23, 1910, Vienna.

Case 6, a 22-year-old girl, had a nervous breakdown in the course of tragic events in her family. Her father, a fairly successful salesman, was nearly ruined by the loss of a great part of his fortune in funds and jewels, stolen out of a secret drawer by his own son, the native's younger brother, a mere boy, who gambled with the money. The attitude of the youthful criminal, keeping up a fierce denial until evidence proved too strong for him, was a painful experience to the sister, whose nerves succumbed under the strain. The analytical treatment was all too short to have any result whatever, and we did not hear from her any more. Judging from her nativity, however, which is in some important points different from and worse than the other depression-horoscopes, we feel inclined to surmise that the present attack was but a precedent to a more serious disease threatening her in later years. We will presently come back to this point.

We have presented six cases of neurotic depression with their maps. One is a simple case of recurrent or recidivating depression; one is a cyclic depression, recurring in regular periods; one is a climacteric depression connected with the change of life; one is a case of depression combined with depersonalisa-

tion; one is a borderline case; and the last one has a map which we think indicative of future complications.

All these various cases are classified by the psychotherapist as depressive neuroses; and astrologically we also find the unit of a common basical structure.

We emphasise that we are not concerned with the individual but mainly with the general features of our charts. It is not our purpose to study one interesting map as such, but to investigate the characteristics of a psychical disease that is only too common nowadays, being a likely problem for the practical astrologer to meet in his day's work.

Assertions and tables based on only six nativities must expect to be criticised, of course. Aware of this fact, we venture to advance an argument in defence of our researches. In seventy-two nativities of neurotic patients this particular configuration was only found in maps that were afterwards said to be cases of neurotic depression. Indeed, we have in all our research material not one chart showing this special structure which is not that of a depressive neurosis, just as no depressive neurosis lacks it. This can hardly be ascribed to mere chance, particularly as we find the same exclusiveness in other kinds of neuroses as well. We have even reduced the number of our examples, with regard to the length of our paper, finding it important and illustrative to add an extract of the case-history to every chart. We have therefore presented only nativities where we could assume the birth-time to be fairly correct and where some directional rectification was possible; this being indeed a great obstacle in our researches—that we hear a lot about every case-history, but hardly anything about the private life of the patient, such data excepted as the death of the father or mother, or perhaps an appendicectomy or tonsillectomy, if such there was.

Examination of the Tables

Having tabulated sign-positions, house-positions and aspects in our six cases, we find, as a most remarkable feature (supporting tradition, too), the prominent position of Saturn in all three tables. In every one of the maps he is elevated above all the other planets in the 10th or, more rarely, in the 9th house, having a wide area all to himself, apart from one Uranus-conjunction which he has, and one instance where Venus is rather lower down in the 10th house. The sign-positions of Saturn are not very varied either, being once in Taurus and once in Aquarius but four times in water, i.e. once in Scorpio and three times in Pisces (it is 30.17 Pisces or 0.17 Aries once,

but in analogy with the other horoscopes we stress the Pisces influence). No less important are the aspects, only the contacts of Saturn (and of Uranus following his lead) showing any interesting results.

Following this line up more closely, we find that the indications of the forty-five astrological aspects are in general not significant at all in our cases. They appear in some of the maps, but not in others, different as to being harmonious, inharmonious or a conjunction, without apparent reason—one would even say by mere chance. Even when two planets are in contact in all six maps, such as, for instance, Venus and Neptune, being twice harmonious, twice inharmonious and one conjunction, this seems of little importance. The aspects of Saturn and Uranus to Jupiter and Mars are no exception, but most of the aspects of the two former planets are indeed valuable, those to the lights particularly so. In most of the cases Saturn—and Uranus hardly less—is afflicting the Sun (and Mercury too) and in trine to the Moon, forming a grand trine with the latter, with different planets on the third angle. Not one contact is present in all six charts, nor is one altogether absent. On the negative side Saturn holds the record too, with a single trine to Venus, while Uranus afflicts her several times, differing from Saturn in this instance. Between them Saturn and Uranus are twice in contact, and so are Saturn and Neptune.

Of all the other combinations only those of the Sun with the Moon and Mercury are worth mentioning, because of their great infrequency, happening only twice each. This seems surprising, since conjunctions of the Sun and Mercury are generally found in neurotic nativities.

Another characteristic of the depression-horoscope is the Moon in the 5th or 6th house, once in cuspal opposition from between the 11th and 12th. Uranus favours the 6th and 7th house, but less exclusively. All the other planets, headed by Mars, are frequently in the 11th and 12th houses, which score between them one-third of all planetary positions; including the 5th and 6th houses, even half of them. Accordingly the fourth quadrant is strongest; besides, there are more planets East than West and more beneath the horizon than above.

The ascendant is three times in Cancer, the other signs being Gemini, Leo and Capricorn. The general sign-positions follow the same trend, with Cancer and Gemini strongest. The slower-moving planets have not been omitted, the Uranus positions being fairly well distributed and the results about the same with Neptune and Pluto or without them, since Cancer remains first in any case. Gemini and Libra change places, but this does

not make much difference either, both being Air, and the Cardinals are anyway the strongest quality in our maps. We may add that the other two qualities are about equal. Air and Water are the strongest elements, scoring each one-third of the planetary positions, and Earth and Fire (which is lowest) a third between them. Accordingly there is not much difference between positive and negative signs.

The average of the sign-positions is between 5 and 6, these being the figures of Taurus and Capricorn, respectively. Aries, Virgo and Sagittarius are lowest, but Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius and Pisces are below the mean too; only Cancer, Gemini and Libra ranging high, as stated before.

Results

We proceed to compare the results of our tables with the traditional views on depression, as mentioned in the beginning. In a subtle way they seem to agree, Saturn and the Moon having indeed outstanding positions in our maps. *Their interaction, however, is not by affliction, which indeed is totally absent, but is mainly a matter of their clearly defined and hardly varying house-positions*, Saturn being elevated above all other planets and the Moon being in the 5th or 6th house and frequently ruler of the map. Both are generally in water, making it the strongest element, besides its being stressed by the prominence of the 12th house.

We may be permitted to refer to an experience which is somewhat beyond the theme of this paper. In our researches with the nativities of seventy-two neurotic patients we had striking evidence that the most important astrological characteristics of a neurose are *house-positions*. Besides the depression, there are several other neuroses—i.e. phobias, hysteria, certain kinds of compulsions, etc., which can be diagnosed at sight by anyone understanding the house-positions in their maps.

In emphasising the importance of mundane positions in neurotic horoscopes, I am mentioning a fact that has strongly asserted itself to me in many years of astro-psycho-analytical investigations and cannot be ignored, although we do not as yet know on what it is based.

There seems to be a certain discrepancy with the traditional view that house-positions are mainly circumstantial and sign-positions psychological. It is true that a neurosis is a mental state; however, it seems to affect destiny too, by causing changes in the life. On the other hand, the various neuroses favour special sign-positions too, but they are less obvious and can only be stated statistically, the planets involved being various

and the conditions not so clearly defined. One of the psychogenetic elements creating a neurosis is the process of adjustment, or rather its failure; another is the disposition of the patient. These two elements also build up the normal character. It seems highly probable that the disposition for one or the other kind of neurosis is shown by the sign-positions, and the difficulties of adjustment by the house-positions. This answer seems to be according to tradition.

Another suggestion: it may be that the sign-positions mean the basic illness and the house-positions the symptoms by which it becomes manifest.

Every chart of a neurosis is like a picture that represents the mental state of the native. In our depression-horoscopes we truly see Saturn bearing down on the map, i.e. the personality of the native, whereas the Moon is entangled in emotional and morbid conditions and the 12th house seems to indicate repressions.

Two remarkable statements must be made as to the aspects. In three of our cases we have a grand trine, in two others the Moon is sending two double trines in two directions. Always the Moon is on one angle of the trine, Saturn being generally on the second, once substituted by Uranus, and the planet on the third angle varying. The grand trine as a fortunate configuration has been much discussed; Mr. Carter, for instance, doubting its being "good." What is its meaning in the depression-horoscope? Does this prove the aspect to be evil? Or will its friends say that it prevents things going to the worst? It must be owned that both answers are possible.

Though frequently afflicted, Saturn has hardly any opposition. This is interesting, reminding us of a corresponding statement of a famous psychologist, who says that "debility, laxness and anæsthesia are caused by inhibitions without contra-tension"—it may be indeed the right translation of the word *Gegenspannung*. But the German word *Gegenspannung* as quoted here has the very nature of the opposition, and it seems most interesting to stress the analogy between these psychological and our astrological findings. Since important trends in a nativity are generally indicated in more than one way, we seem to have to judge the grand trine in the same sense. That is to say, it is possible to attribute several meanings to it.

Oppositions of Saturn are present in cases 5 and 6, which have already been singled out, the one as a confirmed borderline case, the other as a likely one. In case 5 there is an opposition of Saturn in the 10th to Mars in the 4th house, besides another opposition of Pluto in the 1st house to Uranus in the 7th, being

angular, too. This being a borderline case, it confirms Mr. Carter's findings regarding the typical horoscope of insanity in *Some Principles of Horoscopic Delineation*. Saturn is in Aquarius in this map and generally Air is to the fore instead of Water, Mercury being strong too as ruler of the ascendant, and he and the Sun being in Virgo.

In Case 6 Saturn is in Taurus, in opposition to the Sun and Jupiter on the nadir, which is on the mid-point between them. They have a conjunction to Mars, Venus and Mercury in the 3rd house, all five planets being in Libra. This group in the 3rd house, involved in the afflictions of the 6th and 12th houses, is in striking contrast to all our other maps, making the nativity on the other hand not unlike that of the Empress Charlotte of Mexico, who became a paranoic. Our case seems not so tragic, fortunately, as hers, there being no grand cross; as to the signs involved, there is in both horoscopes Fire on the ascendant and Air in the 3rd house, the combination of Aries-Gemini seeming, however, more violent than the Leo-Libra combination of our native.

There are in these two maps of cases 5 and 6 variations from the basic structure found characteristic in the depression-horoscopes. Apart from these special features the other nativities differ in many points too, of course, according to their different characters and destinies; we must repeat that we did not consider these distinctions at all, being interested only in the typical conditions and their variations.

Lastly we must take up the problem, how to distinguish a depression-horoscope from that of a healthy person? Saturn in the 9th or 10th house is a common feature, and it would be indeed tragic if all such people were liable to depressive neurosis, though they may indeed be subject to depressive moodiness. Moon in the 5th or 6th house is not infrequent either, right angles to planets in the 12th house. *It seems that only a combination of all three conditions, perhaps supported by Water being prominent, is responsible for the depressive neurosis.*

I would like to mention, as an afterthought, that, having studied in conservative Vienna and being concentrated on my specialised work, I have never tried any other house-methods but the semi-arc-system, or, more frequently, the Regionmontanus method, having used the latter in all my present cases. It may seem likely, however, that the method making the centre of the house the cusp might have even more striking results with my maps. I would think it well worth while if some student who works with this method would try it on my examples.

Summary

Out of a large number of nativities of neuroses, we have here reported on six cases of neurotic depressions, finding in their maps, which we have presented, distinct and strongly defined features, viz. (1) Saturn elevated above all other planets in midheaven; (2) the Moon about 120° distant from Saturn beneath the descendant in the 5th or 6th house; (3) many planets in the 12th house; (4) Water generally emphasised, mainly by the position of Saturn and the Moon, as well as by the ascendant.

If we bear these characteristics in mind, we shall hardly incur a failure to recognise the nativity of a victim of a neurotic depression.

DID FLAMSTEED BELIEVE IN ASTROLOGY?

BY THE EDITOR

ASTROLOGERS of the last century were prone to seek to strengthen their case for astrology by citing the names of numerous celebrities who believed in it, forgetting perhaps that because a man is famous in one direction this does not qualify him to stand as an expert witness in something quite different. Such "arguments" belong to rhetoric rather than to logic, where they are lumped together under the high-sounding title of the "argumentum ad verecundiam."

Amongst those names produced in this manner one of the most frequently brought forward was that of Flamsteed, the first Astronomer-Royal. It is often asserted that Flamsteed was a believer in astrology because there exists, at the Royal Observatory, a horoscope for the founding of that institution, which has of course had a distinguished career, and this figure is said to be in Flamsteed's handwriting. Whereas a mocking Latin tag, taken from Virgil and scribbled across the chart, "*Risum teneatis, amici?*" or "Friends, what a joke!" is affirmed to be in quite a different script.

In the interests of truth I took upon myself to write to the present Astronomer-Royal, Dr. Spencer Jones, on this point, and received the following answer from him:

"(a) the horoscope is in Flamsteed's writing and (b) so also is the Latin inscription.

"This was the expressed opinion of Baily, who wrote the life

of Flamsteed and was very familiar with his peculiar crabbed handwriting."

In these circumstances Baily's opinion, quoted by Dr. Spencer Jones, must be accepted as settling the matter, unless and until someone cares to take it further, which, in my view, would be a foolish waste of time.

With all respect to the memory of Flamsteed few modern students of astrology will waver in their faith because of his jest. Evidently he knew enough astrology to cast a figure, but whether he had studied the matter more closely we do not know.

Kepler's name has also been brought on to the battlefield and sceptics have asserted that he practised astrology only to make a living, whilst his serious studies were astronomical. However, I have read in a German publication that he kept a private and personal register of directions, with notes as to how they operated in his own life, and we know also that he left behind the statement "that the unfailing concurrence of celestial motions and mundane events had compelled his reluctant belief." From this it would seem that he began as a sceptic and was later converted, against his own desire.

It would be interesting to know what basis there is for the common assertion, among astrologers, that Newton believed in, and actually studied and wrote upon, astrology.

Goethe certainly prefaced his life with some astrological remarks, but they do not evince any real knowledge of the subject.

My own view is that we should do well to urge interested people to study the subject for themselves and concern themselves very little with the opinions of men long passed away. When we consider the difficulties with which the ancients had to contend (for example, ignorance of the extra-Saturnian planets) it is surprising that they made any headway at all. Perhaps the future will reveal that we too have our handicaps.

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

By H. B. PILKINGTON

It was in 1931, and again in 1938, that Mr. C. E. O. Carter contributed to this magazine some very illuminating articles on the biochemic remedies, with their astrological concepts, and so paved the way for their appropriate prescription via the natal horoscope and its progressions.

Within the confines of this article I want to outline as best I can the relationship which exists between astrological factors, with which students are well acquainted, and twelve of the better-known homoeopathic remedies. These are:—

Aconite Napellus	..	..	..	Aries
Belladonna	..	..	..	Taurus
Bryonia Alba	..	..	..	Gemini
Ipecacuanha	..	..	..	Cancer
Chamomilla	..	..	..	Leo
Nux Vomica	..	..	..	Virgo
Rhus Tox	..	..	..	Libra
Pulsatilla	..	..	..	Scorpio
Mercurius	..	..	..	Sagittarius
Sulphur	..	..	..	Capricorn
Aquarius	..	..	..	Arsenicum
Veratrum	..	..	..	Pisces

These rulerships are those given by H. L. Cornell, M.D., and if some of the ascriptions strike one as strange at first, experience in their application, always the true test of value for any thesis, will prove their general utility.

In homoeopathic treatment it is the behaviour and symptoms of the patient, and not the disease, or the name the disease bears, that is all-important. This is as it should be, for surely that is the best delineation of a natus which most truthfully describes the behaviour and temperament of the native, and not the recital, piece by piece, of the factors making up the horoscope.

The records of the London Homoeopathic Hospital in the instance of pneumonia, for example, show that cures have been wrought of this dread disease by Aconite, Belladonna, Bryonia, Kali Sulph., Natrum Sulph., Phosphorus, Pulsatilla, and Sulphur; and when we think of the various combinations of the astrological factors which should accompany, or indicate, pneumonia, it is not unreasonable to expect a different or individual remedy would be needed to do the trick.

One pneumonia case that I know, shown by Mercury conjunct Saturn in Virgo and the 3rd house, square Mars in the 5th and Neptune in the 11th, followed quite a different exegesis from one wherein a 3rd house Saturn opposed a Pisces Moon. Yet both were definitely pneumonia.

In all cases it is, in homoeopathic medication, an exhibited specific symptom which must be the deciding factor in selecting the remedy. "Shivering two evenings previous to attack" would constitute a fine pointer to Natrum Sulph. in pneumonia. "Mainly right-sided pains"—Kali Sulph.; "Weepy without

thirst"—Pulsatilla; "Jumping in sleep," "Delirious and noisy"—Belladonna; "Stitching and stabbing pains, worse from motion"—Bryonia, and so on.

Nash's *Leaders in Homoeopathic Therapeutics* is one of the most useful of the less costly books on homoeopathy by means of which the medical astrologer can wed the "Science of the Stars" to that of Medicine.

Another valuable asset which arises from practice in prescription via the horoscope is that many times one can get a picture of tri-part application of medication—tissue salt, herbal remedy, and chemical component. In this way Kali hydroidicum links up with the herbal Phytolacca, Sulphur with Aloes, Phosphorus with Cepa, Magnesium Carb. with Chamomilla, Ferrum with China, Calcarea ost. with Belladonna, and so on.

A very troublesome case of "summer indigestion" and "spots" which I came upon, in a girl of eighteen, had refused to be quieted by many treatments, including expensive hydro-pathic therapy. A "T" square involving Moon, Mercury, and Uranus was the indicant for possible digestive trouble. After a very short spell of Arsenicum the native could eat lettuce, past its best, unripe tomatoes, and plenteous "dressing" with no ill effects.

Arsenicum, an Aquarius remedy, is often very useful where a prominent Uranus is an indicative factor.

Where there are "cramping pains" with an afflicted Sun, or planets in Leo, Mag. Phos. is obviously right, but where such combinations register as "debility" without pains, Manganum, the homoeopathic manganese, is often of great value.

When reading old herbals for data as to planetary rulerships, it is worth while to go to some trouble to find out whether the writer has in mind the root, stem, or flower of the plant, for, obviously, different rulerships would be applicable.

A plant is an inverted Man, root paralleling brain system, stem breathing system, and flower sexual system. We separate these in our astrological ascription as applied to Man, and doubtless it is also right to do so in plant astrology.

Where the astrological patterning associated with a diseased condition is very involved, it is by no means always easy to decide which portion of an afflicted design to "go for" as first line of attack.

Probably the best way in such cases is to do one portion via medicine, and the other via diet.

For example, your diseased condition might be indicated by an opposition from Gemini to Sagittarius. Gemini is the key

to the Calcium equilibrium in the body, and Sagittarius has connotation with Silica, so you meet your condition with a Calcium medication, on the one hand, and the substitution of barley for oats, of wheat for white bread, and with figs, lettuce, spinach, etc., *ad lib.*

Occasionally the unoccupied sign is the one of a "cross" formation that gives the clue.

With mutable cross afflictions, Nux Vomica (Virgo) medicinally and Kelp Powder (Pisces) dietically, combine admirably.

The question of time of aggravation has been well explored by the homoeopath, and the house position of the Sun at the time that symptoms are regularly worse has its quota of evidence to the medical astrologer.

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SIX AIR RAID VICTIMS

By ELIZABETH HARLAND

THE widespread air raids in this country, which have brought disaster to so many people, provide an interesting astrological study.

Below are tabulated the data of six air raid victims, all of whom were in their houses at the time of the accident, but themselves escaped physical injuries.

In each case, the afflictions in the radical map are quite sufficient to account for the amount of damage done, though in the case of number 6, one might have expected something much worse. Numbers 2 and 3 suffered the most, since their flat received a direct hit, and they lost practically everything, including much valuable work; but the remaining examples have saved most of their possessions. Number 1 was unfortunate enough actually to own the house she lived in, whereas the others had only rented theirs.

In four cases the progressed ascendant is afflicted by a malefic, or by a planet which is already afflicted in the natal map.

The exceptions are number 1, where the progressed 4th cusp is badly afflicted by progressed and transiting planets, and

possibly also number 5. The birth-time of this latter example is uncertain, and since Pisces, a sign of short ascension, is on the progressed ascendant, calculations are made still more difficult. The native's mother, however, considers the earlier time more likely to be correct, and this brings radical Saturn to the progressed M.C. opposition Neptune radical and progressed.

This affliction of the angles appears to be the chief, but not the sole, underlying cause of the accidents, and it is nearly always brought to a head by powerful transits. The lunar directions in some cases show important changes, but in none are they of an explosive nature.

In every case I have calculated the position of the radical and progressed Part of Fortune, at times with startling results.

In number 1, for instance, the progressed moon is on the cusp of the radical fourth, trine Saturn progressed and Venus radical, an aspect which would hardly denote a bomb. But we find the progressed Part of Fortune exactly on the progressed 4th cusp, which is afflicted by the progressed Mars and Saturn. The radical Part of Fortune, too, is in the 4th house, square Mars in Cancer, opposition Mercury, ruler of the 4th.

Number 4 has the progressed Part of Fortune conjunction Antares, square radical Saturn. This brings me to another point, namely the prominence of the violent star Antares in four out of the six maps.

Numbers 2 and 5 have respectively the Sun and Uranus with Antares, in both cases squaring the cusps of the 2nd and 8th houses, while number 6 has Antares on the progressed M.C.

Mars in Cancer, angular, occurs in numbers 1 and 5, afflicting in one case the ruler of the radical, and in the other the ruler of the progressed 4th house. Mars in Cancer certainly appears to be a dangerous position for house property, for I can think of three other examples where Mars is in Cancer and the home has been destroyed. Indeed, any serious afflictions to planets in Cancer must be considered. Note, for instance, number 2, where the Moon is conjunction Pluto and the dragon's tail in Cancer; and number 3, where it is with the dragon's tail in Gemini conjunction Pluto in Cancer, on the cusp of the 4th house. These two suffered worse damage than any.

I have been careful to observe Pluto in these charts, for it is generally considered that death and destruction are in accordance with his nature.

Although there are sufficient other indications in all these maps to account for a bomb, an examination of Pluto's radical position, and of his transits, proves of great interest.

Pluto was often identified by the Greeks and Romans with

Plutus, the God of Wealth, while his affinity with the sign Scorpio is now generally recognized.

In numbers 1, 2, 3 and 5, there is an exact conjunction of Pluto by transit over the afflicted cusp of the radical 2nd house, or in close aspect to its ruler. In number 4 Pluto has come to the conjunction of the progressed mid-heaven, and in number 6 it is conjunction Uranus.

The transits of Uranus are most significant; and this is only to be expected, since Uranus is the planet of explosions and sudden events. In numbers 1, 3 and 4, he transits a radical or progressed angle; and in numbers 2 and 5, where in both cases Taurus is on the cusp of the radical 4th, Uranus is respectively in trine and in square to Venus, the ruler of the 4th.

Before completing this brief consideration of half a dozen maps, I must not omit to mention the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on August 8th, the day of the first serious air raid on our coast.

The effect of this conjunction, within my own experience, has been to take things away, acting suddenly, in a somewhat Uranian manner. In several of these maps the conjunction afflicts some planet connected with the 2nd or 4th houses, while in numbers 2 and 5 it falls in square with the radical Part of Fortune.

It has not been possible to make an exhaustive study of these maps in this article. I have attempted primarily to find an underlying unity in them all. Each case must also be considered as a whole, alone and apart from the others, so I have given in the preliminary table the necessary data for those who would like to study them further.

Sex	Date of Birth	Time of Day	Place	Time of explosion (all in London)
1 Female	25.4.1882	9.20 a.m.	London	11 p.m., 28.9.40
2 Female	30.11.1917	10.45 a.m.	Nr. St. John, Nova Scotia	0.30 a.m., 11.9.1940
3 Male	13.5.1918	3.6 a.m.	London	0.30 a.m., 11.9.1940
4 Female	25.5.1876	7.0 a.m.	Bermondsey, London	0.0 a.m., 22.9.1940
5 Female	30.3.1899	2.20-2.40 a.m., "Late afternoon"	New Cross, London	0.0 a.m., 22.9.1940
6 Female	20.6.1873	Rectified to 5.57 p.m.	Sunderland	3.45 a.m., 9.9.1940

All times are G.M.T., except birth time of No. 2, which is Local Standard.

ADDENDUM

The following cases have also been communicated to me:

1. Male, 3.30 p.m., August 5, 1912, London. At 2 a.m., September 21, 1940, whilst he was absent from home, a land-mine destroyed his house in a western suburb of London and killed his wife, her sister, and the sister's baby.

2. Female, born 5 p.m., October 25, 1924, London. Killed in S.W. London at 9 p.m., September 30, 1940.

3. Female, born 2.30 a.m., February 24, 1894, near London; a member of the Women's Legion, killed on duty 15.9.40.

EDITOR

NOTE ON THE HELIOCENTRIC CO-ORDINATE OF THE PLANETS' PLACES

IN framing his system of astrology, Mr. Sampson's original position with regard to the use of the heliocentric positions of the planets was that they should be regarded as of equal importance with the geocentric places.

Since astrologers have certainly been very slow to follow Mr. Sampson's lead in according this status to the heliocentrics, and since it is impossible for me not to regard them as, at the very least, astrological elements of greatest importance after the geocentrics, it occurred to me that it might be serviceable to raise the question about the relative accent to be placed on the two sets of co-ordinates in dealing with any horoscope. It was just possible, I thought, that discussion of this question might do something to remove difficulty, and to pave the way for more general observation of heliocentric effects and estimation of their claim to be real and actual.

I should submit, first, that it is in watching the transits of the slower moving planets over a sensitive point of the horoscope, by preference perhaps the Sun or the Sun's aspects, that one may gauge the more *obvious* effects of the heliocentrics. To show that a heliocentric transit does correspond, according to astrological analogies, to a distinct phase of experience is by no means to show that the heliocentric, position or transit, is to be regarded as equal in power with the geocentric. But *if* correspondence can be shown, it *does* state a problem, it does not merely invite, it necessitates, exploration of the whole question.

Broadly speaking, there will be four contacts to the sensitive point, the first forward contact, the retrograde contact, the heliocentric and the final direct. My own observation has led me to the conclusion that *as regards the immediate precipitation of the aspect*, the average heliocentric contact is less manifest, less obvious, than the average geocentric contact. No doubt, generally speaking, contacts tend to show a crescendo of effect, the last usually being the most conspicuous. Still, making all due allowance, there is no mistaking the fact that the average heliocentric contact is weaker—to use that term—than the average direct geocentric contact. On the other hand, the average *retrograde* contact is weaker than the heliocentric. Such, at least, is the conclusion to which I am forced after fourteen years of as constant, persistent and careful observation as I have been able to bring to bear on this subject. I could not undertake to say how much weaker the typical retrograde contact is than the typical heliocentric, or how much weaker the typical heliocentric is than the typical direct contact. Still, I should hazard the statement that the heliocentric contact falls, as regards intensive magnitude, somewhere between the retrograde and direct geocentric contact. But observe, I am speaking of the immediate phase of precipitation, of the manifest and the obvious, not of the effect of the contacts in the life-experience taken at longer range. Now Mr. Sampson has urged the importance in astrology of observation at long range. Not the event corresponding to the precipitation of aspect, but the eventual modification of experience through weeks, months or even years is the essential question. In this insistence upon what I should call observation at long range, I am entirely at one with Mr. Sampson; and, if I may say so, it has always seemed to me that in this field his powers are of an extraordinarily high order. I do not therefore propose for one moment to place conclusions drawn from what I should call my own short-range observation in competition with those of Mr. Sampson. But I do submit that my short-range observation has supplied data that ought to be considered within the total discussion. If it could be made clear that as regards transits and progressions, heliocentric contacts were more obvious, manifest or striking than retrograde contacts, then a problem is stated which no astrologer dare neglect. If, on the other hand, it could be made clear that heliocentric contacts were less obvious, manifest or striking than typical direct contacts, the question would have to be raised whether in the basal interpretation of the horoscope itself the radical heliocentric positions are or are not to be taken as equal in importance with the geocentric.

The whole question raises a very difficult problem of intensive magnitude—a problem that would seem to call for the introduction of quantitative methods into astrology. And yet I write the preceding sentence with the greatest hesitation and misgiving. For I have always urged the danger of transplanting into the domain of astrology methods derived from the physical sciences and wholly inapplicable within astrology, where they would only become pseudo-scientific methods, instruments of distortion or even illusion. The question is made more difficult and complex in so far as the solar epoch, in Mr. Sampson's view, requires a somewhat different mode of interpretation from the natal horoscope. Even then, where there might be no quantitative difference between the power supposed to belong to the same astrological element in the epoch and in the natus, there might be—there is, in Mr. Sampson's view—a qualitative difference between their powers. This point is very clearly illustrated in a recent utterance¹ where he says, "As in all other positions, it makes a great deal of difference whether the Piscean, or the Aquarian-Piscean Mars, occurs in the natal or epoch horoscopes. Confining my remarks to the Piscean Ares, he is far more 'damaging' in the natal horoscope precisely because he impairs opportunity at its very source, and can even defeat an innate courage and efficiency. I do not care how well 'signed' and equipped Mars may be in the epoch, but his debility or affliction in the natal horoscope is a very serious setback, in a world in which it is absolutely essential to 'get one's footing.' "

It appears, therefore, that we have to face a problem of intensive magnitude where the magnitudes compared differ qualitatively from each other—a rather thorny problem. Of course, it would always be possible—theoretically, at least—to keep the natus separate from the epoch, and to regard the natal and the epochal as distinct fields of research for the purposes of this question.

At all events, we do, in astrology, bear continually in our minds the idea of "weak" and "strong." "What accentuation shall I place upon this forthcoming aspect?" No astrologer can work without such a question constantly in his mind. Surely there must be some method of handling such questions. Only it must be a method arising out of the nature of astrology itself, out of the *autonomy* of astrological procedure which it must be the first duty of every astrologer to safeguard, *not* a pseudo-method imposed from without.

¹ "Aries Unarmed": *Astrology*. Ed. C. E. O. Carter, Vol. 14, No. 3, p. 104.

I return, then, to the first statement of the original question, what *emphasis*, in the interpretation of a horoscope, are we to place upon the heliocentric positions relatively to the geocentric? It must be confessed that, instinctively rather than by conscious intention, I have come to place less accent on them than on the geocentric. On the other hand, a horoscope deprived of heliocentric co-ordinates of the planets' places has no interest for me. I should regard it as not merely fragmentary, but as certain to result in a completely lopsided and defective account of the character in question.

It is not surprising that contacts of a progressed heliocentric Mercury and Venus should appear very light in character, if one admits, first, that the heliocentric is likely to contain a lesser accentuation than the geocentric, and if one remembers, second, that heliocentric Mercury may move at over 6° per diem, or per annum on the progress—half as fast as the Moon. I certainly have not had opportunity of heaping up records of observations of Venus and Mercury contacts to anything like the extent of those of the major transits. Still, I should hazard a rough estimation that, passing a single or isolated position in the horoscope, neither Mercury nor Venus progressed contacts will appear much stronger, if any, than those of the Moon. On the other hand, where heliocentric Venus passes over *many* aspects within a short time, I should estimate the total or cumulative effect to be somewhat greater than one might allow for the Moon. Mercury again, heliocentrically, might be put down as *less* in effect than the Moon. Heliocentric Mercury, that is to say, might have to be put down as the lightest of all factors on the progress. The Moon's strength might be put somewhere *between* that of Mercury and Venus (heliocentric). However, this last paragraph must be taken as a suggestion merely. I cannot claim, in this region, anything like sufficient range of observation. On the other hand, what I have said about the major transits is based on long, frequent and carefully recorded observation.

Heliocentric Mars seems to me at least relatively a very powerful factor in any case. This stands to reason in view of the slowness of its motion on the progress. Consider that heliocentric Venus moves about three times as fast as heliocentric Mars!

In any case, and putting down the heliocentric value at its lightest, the question of the heliocentrics in astrology generally seems to me of enormous importance—so much so that in my view our most perplexing problems will never receive proper statement, let alone solution, until their use has become habitual among astrologers.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE

By VIVIAN E. ROBSON, B.Sc.

The Ascendant of London.

In the last issue Mr. George H. Bailey raised the question of London's traditional ascendant and the grounds upon which it was originally determined. I have never been able to discover the authority for such an exact determination as is implied in the accepted value of Gemini $17^{\circ} 54'$. One or two old authors have repeated the statement that this degree and minute ascended at the moment when the first pile of London Bridge was driven, but their wording suggests that they looked upon this fact as the confirmation of an existing estimate and not the reason for the estimate itself, which is quite in line with Mr. Bailey's suggestion that the degree and minute were originally adjusted to correspond with the longitude of El Nath at the time of the Great Fire of 1666. There is a drawback to this idea, however, for the authors of the period disagree as to the longitude of the star in question, and I cannot find any old table of the date which puts it at $17^{\circ} 54'$. In fact as early as 1658 Gadbury gave its position as Gemini $18^{\circ} 0'$.

By a rough estimate of the processional motion from its present position it appears to have been in Gemini $17^{\circ} 54'$ in 1666, but by exact calculation based upon Neugebauer's Stellar Tables it was actually in Gemini $17^{\circ} 42'$ in that year. That, however, is a digression, and the point is that with considerable uncertainty as to the exact longitude of the star it is unlikely that it would have formed the basis of so exact a determination of London's ascendant. Moreover, it must be remembered that Lilly *predicted* the Plague and the Fire and that we are not concerned merely with an adjustment after the event.

I think it was Commander Morrison who first put forward the idea that the prediction of the Fire was based upon the passage of the Bull's North Horn, or El Nath, over the ascendant of the London horoscope. He had no authority for the suggestion, and indeed did not claim any, for he said that that was "no doubt" the basis of Lilly's prediction. To the best of my recollection, however, Lilly himself claimed to have predicted the Fire from the entry of the aphelion of Mars into Virgo, which he said was the ascendant of the English monarchy. This actually took place in 1670, and was therefore very close to the date of the Fire, but the imperfect Tables in use in Lilly's day gave a result which was much wider of the mark. I

find that Kepler's Rudolphine Tables, which were probably those employed by Lilly, make the date of entry 1653.

For my own part I do not for one moment believe that the Fire was predicted by the position of either El Nath or the aphelion of Mars. To predict the exact year of an event by the use of factors whose annual motion is respectively fifty seconds and sixty-six seconds is for several reasons a practical impossibility, and if the process is complicated still further by lack of accurate data the impossibility is not only practical but theoretical as well.

The same arguments apply to the fixing of the ascendant of London, and of all the suggestions that have been made I think the most likely one is that the exact minute was adopted from the London Bridge map.

Reverting to the prediction of the Great Fire, it may be objected that my criticism as to the use of the aphelion of Mars is ruled out by Lilly's own claim to have used that. Those who have read Lilly's autobiography and others of his books, however, will know that he had a full share of caution, diplomacy, and secretiveness. It was not wise to be too frank with the Star Chamber, nor to divulge too much of certain information to which he had access! Lilly's claim to have achieved a certain result by the use of methods which were in fact impracticable does not weigh very heavily when we consider the character of the man himself and the dangerous circumstances in which an explanation had to be furnished.

Having indulged in a good deal of destructive criticism it is incumbent upon me to provide an alternative explanation of Lilly's prediction which shall be practicable, and utilise only factors which we know to have been in Lilly's possession. As it happens this is not a very difficult matter. We know that Lilly set great store by the conjunctions of Saturn and Jupiter, and was in the habit of directing such maps. The most important horoscope of Lilly's period was that for the mutation conjunction into the fiery triplicity, which took place on 8th December, 1603, at 8.14 a.m. By primary direction the ascendant of that map came to the opposition of Mars in 1666, and at the same time Mars itself came to the place of the conjunction in Sagittarius 8, after having separated from the conjunction of Mercury, ruler of the 6th house, about a year previously. From these and other directions in the same map it would have been an easy task for Lilly to have predicted the Plague and Fire and to have timed them quite as accurately as he did. Using the Saturn-Jupiter maps as much as Lilly did it is, in fact, inconceivable that any astrologer, let alone one of his

calibre, could possibly have overlooked such very striking directions.

The Radix Minor Moon.

At the risk of appearing to be entirely inspired by the last issue of the *Quarterly*, I think a few words on the minor directions of the Moon might not be out of place, in view of Mr. Bray's remarks when describing his very thorough directional methods. It is about ten years since I wrote *The Radix System*, and a constant use of it during the whole of that period has necessarily resulted in certain modifications of view. Let me say at once that my opinion of it as the best, handiest, and most generally reliable method of direction has not altered in the slightest degree and, if anything, has become stronger. But in regard to the minor directions of the Moon I am not by any means happy, and I look on this as the least satisfactory part of the system. I find it extremely difficult to reach a definite conclusion, however, for while in some cases they appear valueless, in others they hit the mark with quite startling effect. On the other hand secondary lunar aspects are, to say the least of it, a little uncertain, though I am inclined to agree with Mr. Bray that on the whole they are better, at least in the matter of timing.

I am inclined to believe now that the minor Moon does not really form an integral part of the radix system at all, and that its inclusion was a theoretical error on the part of both Sepharial and myself.

The original idea of the radix system was that it was based upon the Sun's mean motion of $59' 8''$ a day, and that it was therefore quite legitimate to use the Moon's mean daily motion as the basis for the monthly lunar aspects. Indeed, in a variant of the radix system Sepharial went so far as to advocate the use of the mean motions of the other planets also, though nothing ever came of the suggestion.

Actually, however, there is little doubt that the radix system is nothing more than a simplified variety of primary directing, and that the measure of $59' 8''$ refers directly to the daily increment in the longitude of the midheaven and only indirectly to the Sun's mean motion. This is merely a slight alteration of theory, but it entirely changes the point of view. The connection with mean motion is seen to consist solely in the use of Naibod's measure of time instead of Ptolemy's or any of the other available measures, and that being the case no warrant whatever exists for the use of the Moon's mean motion.

There is a minor motion in the radix system, however, and I hope to say something about it on another occasion. The use of the Arabic Moon with the radix positions is not a practice which is easily justified by theory, but that does not mean that it could not give valuable results. It would be interesting to know more of Mr. Bray's experience in this connection, and his views as to the relative efficacy of lunar aspects to the ordinary secondary and the radix progressed positions.

THE WATER JAR

Aquarius, the Man, uplifts his water jar,
Filled to overflowing with Truth's inspiring flood
Of clear, pure water, undefiled, to wash away
The stains of hatred, thirst for vengeance, and spilt blood,
And painful impotence of agonised dismay
At scenes of horror and destructive cruelty,
Which cloud the consciousness of all with tragedy.
Aquarius, the Man, uplifts his water jar.

The thirsty world awaits the dawn of some New Age,
When all man's inhumanity to man shall cease;
Instead, co-operation, brotherhood and love
Shall take its place, and on the earth a world-wide Peace
Unknown to history, shall settle like a dove.
But not till men the "undiscovered country" find
Within the deeps of Being, shall the chains unbind.
The thirsty world awaits the dawn of this New Age.

Aquarius begins to tilt his water jar.
The suffering that War unlooses on the earth,
Begins to make men understand their brothers' pain;
And through their common suffering is brought to birth
A tiny flame of growing love; no longer Cain
Will ask "Am I my brother's keeper?" In his soul
His brother is himself, part of a greater Whole.
Aquarius begins to tilt his water jar.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRANSITS

From GEORGE H. BAILEY.

I have often wondered whether those who claim such striking results from transits have ever attempted to tabulate scientifically the effects of the passage of the heavenly bodies over sensitive points in the horoscopes of people whose reactions thereto are known or can be recorded. It seems to me that something of this sort should be attempted by a body of students, for in the course of my own experience (and I am sure I am not alone in this) I have found transits most unreliable—in fact, in the majority of cases they seem to be inoperative, and only occasionally do they coincide with events.

The generally accepted teachings concerning transits attribute to them the power of precipitating the effects of directions in the course of forming or dissolving, the intensity depending not only on the nature of the directions, but also on that of the transiting body and its radical implications. Further, whether directions are in operation or not, transits of the slower planets over the angles or other sensitive points in the horoscope are likewise supposed to coincide with events, so that by making use of this method of prediction, the actual date of any occurrence may be determined.

This is all very well in theory, but in practice it does not always work. I have watched transits over my own map and its progressions for years, and have become more and more sceptical of their effects as they have again and again failed to register. In the face of the traditional doctrine, this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs, and for the benefit of the astrological world in general (if my experience with transits has been shared by others) the facts should be made known and the theory modified to suit, or scraped altogether.

I might add that transits are not the only disappointments one meets in astrology, for secondary progressions sometimes bring their surprises. Directions often occur without events to correspond, and no less often do events come to pass without directional indications.

It is, of course, possible that for some reason unknown to me transits and directions do not always work, and I have simply been unlucky in my prognostications. Such an explanation, however, seems suspiciously unscientific, and to those who are prepared to defend the doctrine of progressions and transits I would like to submit the following problems:—

Female, born 6.20 p.m., G.M.T., May 24, 1921, 51 N. 23, 2 W. 23. What happened under the directions M.C.p. ♂ h.r., ☐ ♀r. and ☉p. ♂ ♀r., ☐ h.r., and what transits took effect during the period of directional stress?

Female, born 4 a.m., G.M.T., September 1, 1898, 51 N. 22, 2 W. 8. At what period was it found necessary to operate for fibroid growths (the uterus being removed), what were the directions in force, and

what were the transits involved, if any? What happened during the directions \odot p. δ $2\frac{1}{2}$ r. and J p. Δ \odot p. Δ $2\frac{1}{2}$ r., and were these directions susceptible to excitation by transits?

Male, born 6.45 p.m., G.M.T., April 1, 1901, 51 N. 22, 2 W. 8. Now under the directions Q p. \square J r., J p. J J r., \square Q p., with (amongst others) J in transit over J p. (and J J r., \square Q p.) on May 6, 1941, and Q over Q p. (\square J p. and J r.) a few days later, Q \square J in the heavens occurring on May 12th. What happened during the period covered by these transits?

Here, then, is an opportunity for the believers in transits to uphold their faith, and at the same time it should be interesting to hear from those who, like myself, have been forced into an attitude of (unwilling) disbelief.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—To believe in transits is one thing; to claim that it is possible to answer such complex problems as the three above is another; and to find the time to attack them is yet a third. I should say that at least 9 out of every 10 of my transits (omitting the very minor ones) "work," but even so I cannot by any means always say how they will do so, even at short range and in the field of my own life, with the possibilities of which I am fairly well acquainted. But if Mr. Bailey dismisses both transits and secondaries, what does he leave us? We believe he does not favour primaries, either. Are we then to abandon all predictive efforts? The analogy between astrology and pharmacology is often a close one. Some persons can take drugs, e.g. aconite, in quantities that would kill an ordinary individual, and yet suffer no apparent discomfort: are we to say, then, that drugs "don't work"? It might be simpler if their action—and the astrological action of transits and directions—were more uniform; but, since they are admittedly uncertain, each must find how he personally responds to each particular class, and use that which suits him best. If our correspondent can find something more reliable than such methods as, say, Mr. Bray outlined in a recent article, we shall be only too glad to hear of them.

For most of us "*res ipsa loquitur*"—the facts speak for themselves. Take His Majesty's Uranus opp. Moon transit. As the Moon rules the 9th, one would expect trouble from abroad, and, as she is in Scorpio, of a warlike nature. What do we find?

1st contact	6. 7. 40	Battle of Oran	... 4. 7. 40
2nd contact	29. 10. 40	Italy attacked Greece	28. 10. 40
3rd contact	24. 4. 41	Greek army in Epirus	
		surrendered	... 23. 4. 41

One cannot, of course, pretend that transits always act in this obvious way. In war, for example, important decisions may be taken without the knowledge of the outside world, perhaps for months or even years afterwards. Admittedly this leaves a loophole for excuses. Nevertheless, it is a fact.

REVIEWS

Great Prophecies about the War, by Clarence Reed. Publishers Faber and Faber. 64 pp. Price 2s. 6d.

In this excellently compiled book we have such varied fare as a discussion of the predictions of Nostradamus, Tolstoy, and St. Odile, in so far as these may be related to the present struggle; extracts from and comments on Nostradamus; and some remarks about the astrologers, though only one of our fraternity (Miss Elizabeth Aldrich) is mentioned by name. The British-Israelites are not forgotten.

It is no fault of the author—and perhaps it is our own prejudice—that the non-astrological forecasts seem to us to be remarkable chiefly for vagueness, mixed with a good deal of downright error.

Whether the astrologers, who are roughly classified as those who believe that the war will end (a) in May or June, (b) in September, and (c) in December of this year, will prove correct remains to be seen.

"But," says the author, "there is one point upon which astrologers have long been unanimous, and that is, that Hitler will fall from power." He might have indicated that this has also been the view of German astrologers, before they were muzzled.

A book remarkable for fairness, lucidity, and lack of padding. *O si sic omnes!*

When the War Will End. Published by the author, Mr. P. J. Harwood, "Corona," Ovingdean, Brighton 7. 44 pp. Price 9d.

Written by a well-known astrologer and well worth the modest price asked.

It would be unfair to disclose the author's conclusions or to make comments as to how far, up to the present, these have been justified. From the technical point of view it will be of interest to see how far Mr. Harwood's predilection for the equal-houses method will be justified, for instance in regard to such a figure as that of the lunation of July 24, 1941.

Some of the forecasts tend a little to the obvious, as when we are told that, in September, "foreign relations will present a perplexing problem": it seems so long since they haven't.

URANIDES

Foretold by the Stars, by C. E. Mitchell. Published by the Two Worlds Publ. Co., Ltd. Price 2s. 6d.

The fourth edition of a book that has already sold well. Mr. Mitchell is well known in the North as a protagonist of predictive astrology. If he is not always correct, he very often is; and at least he has the courage of his opinions and disdains the vagueness in which some take refuge. Let those throw stones who have done better themselves.

"AS WE GO TO PRESS"

I LEARN with deep regret from the *Daily Mail* that Mr. Mawby Cole, who foretold at Harrogate that the formations of May 11 were of a staggering character, himself perished at an astrological gathering on that very night. His forecast attracted considerable attention, though he was by no means the only astrologer to make such a prediction. Our own phrase was "earthquakes figurative."

Rudolf Hess, whose advent was taken as fulfilling Mr. Cole's forecast, was born at Alexandria on April 26, 1894, but the hour is not known to me. Thus the square of Mars and Saturn in the heavens fell on his birthday. Probably his flight was due to something that took place about that time. As Mars (T) was in ♊ it is not strange that Hitler should have lost a friend.

Readers will be sorry to hear that on the night of the 10th of May my family offices were destroyed by fire, just after I had taken the precaution to remove many valuable papers, in view of the approaching transits to my Venus, Mars and Neptune. The building will be remembered by some as the meeting-place of an astrological coterie which continued in existence for several years.

Before this the entire stocks of my books *Astrological Aspects* and *The Astrology of Accidents* were destroyed by enemy action, and it may be a considerable time before they are reprinted.

The positions mentioned in this editorial (page 35) in regard to Madrid have already been followed by extensive changes in high places in Spain.

The Taurus formation occupied the nadir in the map of the French Republic, and on May 12 Pétain surrendered to the German demands.

I am glad that reports already indicate that my forecast of unrest in Germany was not incorrect. But I had in mind the lunation at the end of May. I hope that by that time we shall have heard yet more stories to the same effect. It is difficult to decide astrologically the extent of such disturbances, but from our point of view "the more the merrier."

My hint about the transit of Saturn over the opposition of King Victor Emmanuel's Sun, in this editorial, has borne fruit in the surrender of the Duke of Aosta, exact to time.

Readers will regret to hear that on the night of May 10 Messrs. L. N. Fowler & Co., Ltd., lost their offices. Their temporary address is: 5, Corri Avenue, London, N.14. I fear that *Modern Astrology* office may have suffered equally. It was evident that an afflictive formation involving 26 ♊, the astrological area *par excellence*, would be bad for our cause and its adherents, but, although I said as much privately, for obvious reasons it was not thought right to publish forecasts which would have probably caused worry to our readers.

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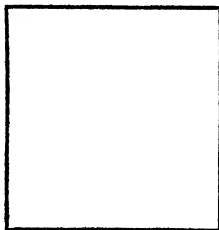
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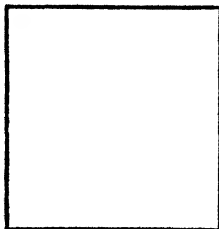
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